

Logistics Abbreviations

General Logistics Terms



3PL – Third-Party Logistics



4PL – Fourth-Party Logistics



LSP – Logistics Service Provider



FTL – Full Truckload



LTL – Less Than Truckload



OTR – Over The Road (long-haul trucking)



BOL – Bill of Lading



POD – Proof of Delivery



ETA – Estimated Time of Arrival



ETD – Estimated Time of Departure



ATD – Actual Time of Departure



ATA – Actual Time of Arrival



TAT – Turnaround Time



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Freight & Shipping



FOB – Free On Board



EXW – Ex Works



CIF – Cost, Insurance, and Freight



DAP – Delivered At Place



DDP – Delivered Duty Paid



TEU – Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit (container size)



FEU – Forty-foot Equivalent Unit



ULD – Unit Load Device (used in air freight)



HS Code – Harmonized System Code (for international

trade)



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Warehousing & Inventory



WMS – Warehouse Management System



DC – Distribution Center



FIFO – First In, First Out



LIFO – Last In, First Out



EOQ – Economic Order Quantity



SKU – Stock Keeping Unit



ASN – Advanced Shipping Notice



VMI – Vendor-Managed Inventory



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Transportation & Carriers



TMS – Transportation Management System



OOG – Out of Gauge (cargo that exceeds container dimensions)



RORO – Roll-on/Roll-off (used for vehicle shipping)



FCL – Full Container Load



LCL – Less than Container Load



IATA – International Air Transport Association



IMO – International Maritime Organization



B2B – Business to Business



B2C – Business to Consumer



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Shipping & Maritime Logistics



NVOCC – Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier



B/L – Bill of Lading



MBL – Master Bill of Lading



HBL – House Bill of Lading



LOLO – Lift-On/Lift-Off (cargo loading method)



CBM – Cubic Meter (measurement for freight)



SOC – Shipper-Owned Container



COC – Carrier-Owned Container



DEM – Demurrage (fee for holding a container beyond allowed time)



DET – Detention (fee for holding equipment beyond allowed time)



LNG – Liquefied Natural Gas



LSF – Low Sulfur Fuel



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Air Freight Logistics



AWB – Air Waybill



MAWB – Master Air Waybill



HAWB – House Air Waybill



ULD – Unit Load Device (air cargo container or pallet)



IATA – International Air Transport Association



ICAO – International Civil Aviation Organization



ETD – Estimated Time of Departure



ATA – Actual Time of Arrival



TSA – Transportation Security Administration



DG – Dangerous Goods



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Road & Rail Logistics

 **FSD** – Freight Service Document

 **PTL** – Partial Truckload

 **HOS** – Hours of Service (driver regulations)

 **GVW** – Gross Vehicle Weight

 **DOT** – Department of Transportation

 **FMCSA** – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

 **IRP** – International Registration Plan (for trucking across borders)

 **CMR** – Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road

 **UIC** – International Union of Railways

E-commerce & Last Mile



OMS – Order Management System



WISMO – "Where Is My Order?" (customer tracking request)



DTC – Direct-to-Consumer



RTS – Return to Sender



COD – Cash on Delivery



SLA – Service Level Agreement



VMI – Vendor-Managed Inventory



RMA – Return Merchandise Authorization



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Cold Chain & Pharmaceutical



GDP – Good Distribution Practices



GMP – Good Manufacturing Practices



CRT – Controlled Room Temperature



ATP – Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs



TCM – Temperature-Controlled Management



CIP – Cleaning In Place (hygiene standard for pharma logistics)



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